

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2015-163-E and 2013-298-E - ORDER NO. 2022-240

APRIL 13, 2022

IN RE: Docket No. 2015-163-E – Application)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
of Duke Energy Progress, LLC to)	TO UPDATE LOAD CONTROL
Establish a New Cost)	TARIFFS
Recovery and Incentive Mechanism for)	
Demand-Side Management and Energy)	
Efficiency Programs)	
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and)	
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Docket No. 2013-298-E – Application)	
of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for)	
Approval of New Cost Recovery)	
Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-)	
Side Management and Energy)	
Efficiency Programs)	

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) (together, “Companies”) for approval of certain ministerial revisions to DEC’s Rider PM (SC) Power Manager Load Control Service Tariff, and DEP’s Residential Service – Load Control Rider LC Tariff (together, “Tariffs”).

II. DISCUSSION

The Companies filed a request for certain changes to load control tariffs for DEC and DEP on December 3, 2021. The Companies are requesting these changes because the associated programs are available to all individually metered residential customers, and the

specific tariff references within the Tariffs may improperly exclude customers on other tariffs as a result. The Companies therefore propose the following tariff changes to remedy that issue. The Sixth Revised Leaf No. 71 for DEC's tariff would remove "on Schedule RS, RE, RB, RT or ES" from the first sentence in the section entitled "Availability." The changes requested by the Companies would also correct and update the effective date, docket number and order number for the tariffs. Likewise, the Rider LC 10 for DEP's tariff would remove "on Schedule RES or R TOUD" from the first sentence on Availability. Similarly, it would correct the effective date and update the docket and order numbers.

The requests set forth in this Application do not involve a change to any of DEP's or DEC's retail rates or prices at this time, nor do they require changes involving any Commission rule, regulation, or policy. Further, the requests do not require a determination of the rate structure or rate of return of the Companies and will not result in any rate increase. Accordingly, neither notice to the public at-large, nor a hearing is required regarding these requests pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-870(F).

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), a party of record pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-4-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Supp. 2021), filed a letter asserting that it has reviewed the requests and has no objection to approval.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission finds that the requests being made by the Companies do not constitute a change in any rate or charge to be implemented by the Companies.

2. The requested changes relate to voluntary programs that, by design, will not result in a financial disadvantage to either the voluntary participants or to the non-participants.

3. The requested changes do not require a determination of the entire rate structure nor overall rate of return of the Companies.

4. The requested changes do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utilities.

5. The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed the requests and does not object to the requests for changes to the Tariffs.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F) explicitly authorizes the Commission to allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without notice and hearing, “when such rates or tariffs do not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, or when the rates or tariffs do not result in any rate increase to the electrical utility”

2. The waiver of notice and hearing is pursuant to and consistent with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F).

3. The request for the Tariff changes is in the public interest and does not implicate any additional statutory or regulatory requirements for approval.

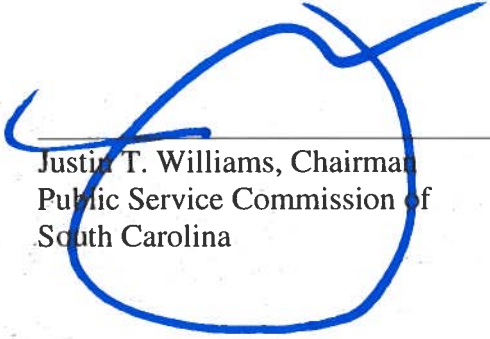
V. ORDERING PROVISIONS

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request of the Companies for permission to make the requested changes to the Tariffs without notice and hearing is approved.

2. The request to change and update the Tariffs is approved as filed.
3. The Companies shall electronically file updated riders reflecting the modifications proposed in this request.
4. The Company shall file updated riders and/or tariffs as referenced in their joint request no later than thirty (30) days from the date of service of this order.
5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Justin T. Williams, Chairman
Public Service Commission of
South Carolina